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...ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST THIS SEASON...BUT WATCH THE WEATHER...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ISSUES A VARIETY OF WINTER WEATHER WATCHES...WARNINGS...AND ADVISORIES...COVERED EARLIER DURING THIS WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK. SAFETY TIPS WERE ALSO PASSED ALONG. ALWAYS CHECK THE LATEST WEATHER FORECAST BEFORE HEADING OUT AND TAKE THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE'S WARNINGS SERIOUSLY.

BEFORE WINTER WEATHER THREATENS THIS SEASON...YOU SHOULD PREPARE A WINTER SAFETY KIT FOR YOUR VEHICLES. IF YOU BECOME STRANDED WITH YOUR VEHICLE...RUN THE MOTOR ABOUT TEN INUTES EACH HOUR FOR HEAT...BUT KEEP THE WINDOW OPEN A LITTLE...AND KEEP THE EXHAUST PIPE CLEAR TO AVOID CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. MAKE YOURSELF VISIBLE TO RESCUERS BY TURNING ON YOUR DOME LIGHT AT NIGHT WHILE RUNNING THE MOTOR. TIE A COLORED CLOTH TO THE DOOR HANDLE AND RAISE THE HOOD.

AVOID OVEREXERTION WHEN OUTDOORS. HEART ATTACKS CAN KILL DURING AND AFTER STORMS...BECAUSE SHOVELING SNOW OR FREEING STUCK VEHICLES CAN BE VERY STRESSFUL.

A VALUABLE COMPANION WHEN HEADING OUT THIS COLD SEASON IS A BATTERY POWERED NOAA WEATHER RADIO...THE VOICE OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE. IT PROVIDES YOU WITH THE LATEST WEATHER CONDITIONS AND FORECASTS. YOU CAN PURCHASE THESE RADIOS AT YOUR LOCAL ELECTRONICS OR DEPARTMENT STORE AND ALSO ON THE INTERNET.

FINALLY...IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION ON WINTER WEATHER SAFETY...WINTER WEATHER BROCHURES...AND NOAA WEATHER RADIO...PLEASE CALL YOUR NEAREST NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE...

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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEARS WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK. WE HOPE THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN BENEFICIAL FOR YOU.

THIS MESSAGE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE STAFF AND YOUR LOCAL AND STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS.